

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/15/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-4,6-9,11-12 and14, also renumbered as claims 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 11-12 and 14 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not specifically disclose combination of limitations as disclosed in claim 1: a method of distributing video images and audio signals of a race car competition from the perspective of an individual race participant to one or more individual viewers comprising the steps of: providing each of a plurality of participants in said event with a video camera affixed to the race car and mechanically adjustable to provide a selectable view of the race and a microphone to provide sound, both from that participant's perspective, providing each of said cameras with a respective transmitter for transmitting information regarding video images and audio generated by the camera and microphone, respectively, which video image and audio reflect the participant's view of the race, providing retransmission equipment for receiving information transmitted by the transmitter and directing information regarding video images and audio, respectively, from each of the plurality of cameras and microphones to respective channels for remote viewing at a viewer's location, providing channel selectors that permit viewers at their individual locations to select from among the channels a particular participant's view of the race, simultaneously operating said cameras during the event so as to generate a plurality of camera and audio feeds during the event, each feed individually reflecting the perspective of the respective participant in real time, transmitting the plurality of feeds to the retransmitting equipment, and retransmitting the

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feeds to said channels, such that each of a plurality of viewers is able to select from a plurality of said channels the perspective of one or more individual participants or a group of participants, wherein the video images and audio are transmitted by way of a pay-per-view television system or Internet or other computer network and displayed as a single or a plurality of selected images on a split television or monitor screen, based on viewer selection and wherein the view of the camera is selected by a mechanical adjustment by the participant or an outside party. Similarly, independent claim 14 is patentable for similar reasons as independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

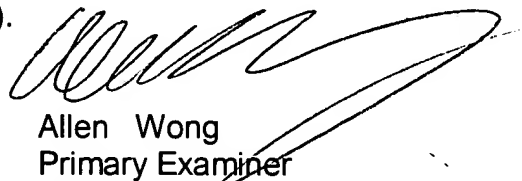
#### ***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7341. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Thursdays from 8am-6pm Flextime.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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